

REMARKS

In view of the indication in the Advisory Action that the deletion of subject matter from the specification may be considered new matter, Applicants have amended the specification back to its original form to avoid any issue.

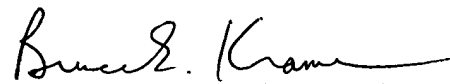
Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Also, in view of the filing of the RCE, entry and consideration of the previously filed Rule 132 Declaration, as well as the accompanying remarks set forth in the December 3, 2004 Amendment, is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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